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## USDA INVESTS \$358,680 IN PWSD # 1 OF CRAWFORD COUNTY

### ***“68 HOUSEHOLDS TO BENEFIT FROM NEW SEWER TREATMENT SYSTEM”***

In a mock check presentation, the PWSD #1 of Crawford County received \$358,680 from USDA Rural Development to finance a new sewer treatment system. The ceremony was held on Friday, October 1, 2004, at the Word of Life Church in Sullivan, MO. The new treatment system will benefit 68 households with replacement of the existing sewer treatment system.

“By investing in the infrastructure of the community, the citizens of Crawford County are enhancing the livability of their community for current and future generations” said Greg Branum. “Having an environmentally safe sewer system is an excellent example of USDA Rural Development programs assisting communities. They mirror President Bush’s initiatives and exemplify the Rural Development mission - committed to the future of rural communities.”



Pictured left to right: Leroy Kunkel, Rural Development Manager, Greg Branum, Rural Development State Director, Leon Morgan, Vick President of Board, Elizabeth Morgan, Board Member, Janet Morrow, CPA, and Bob Hathman.

Bob Hathman, representing PWSD # 1 of Crawford County, said, “Today is a milestone for the PWSD # 1 of Crawford County. I want to thank everyone for their hard work on this financing package for the new sewer system. I look forward to its completion so that everyone can benefit.”

“This is a great partnership effort when everyone works together for a common goal of meeting the needs of an environmentally safe waste disposal system,” Branum added. “Appreciation is extended to U.S. Senators “Kit” Bond and Jim Talent and U.S. Representative Kenny Hulshof for supporting USDA Rural Development. They have been strong proponents for the necessary funding for essential services for rural Missourians.”

Additional information on this project or other USDA Rural Development programs is available by visiting the agency website at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mo>. or by contacting Jack Kearbey, Rural Development Specialist in Houston, Missouri by calling 417-967-4525.

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